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THE TALON

News Briefs

Financial Aid Office

New students must complete loan counseling in the Financial Aid Office before loans can be applied to their account in the business office.

Students eligible for work-study are required to complete paperwork in the Financial Aid Office prior to being hired for a position. Jobs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registrar's Office

Friday, Sept. 3. is the last day to add semester-long courses or change sections in classes.

Sept. 3 is also the last day to choose the Credit / No Credit grade option and to change an incomplete grade from the Summer 1999 semester.

Those planning to graduate May or July 2000 and wishing to participate in commencement need to complete a degree application by Sept. 24.

Hooley-Bundschu Library

The library has an on-line catalog containing holdings from 26 academic and public libraries.

To use the on-line catalog, students must have an Avila library card number and a PIN number. To request a PIN number, call the Circulation Desk at 942-8400, x2221.

The on-line catalog can be accessed from the library's web page. Go to http://www.avila.edu/resources/library.htm

Students can request books from other libraries, check on fines and other account information and renew books on-line.

Goppert Theater

Opening night for *The Nerd*, the first theater production of the academic year, will be Sept. 30. The play will run for four consecutive days.

A champagne reception for the Arts at Avila Patrons will precede the play opening night.

Oct. 1 and 2 is Dinner Theater. Dinner will be served in the Goppert Theater lobby at 6:30 p.m.

A 2 p.m. matinee will be performed Oct. 3. All other performances will be at 8 p.m.

Tickets to any performance are free to Avila students, faculty and staff.

Dinner theater tickets cost $25 and must be purchased in advance.

To reserve or purchase tickets, call the box office at 942-8400, x2299.

Campus Security

The campus safety office is open Monday-Friday 1-9 p.m. To reach a sentry during these hours, dial x2349.

Evening campus security can be reached by pager at 840-1815. Leave a message describing the location, and the sentry will respond as soon as possible.

Live Concert

Star 80 will perform a live concert in the Marian Center Snack Bar at 8 p.m. Sept. 8.

Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Opening the door to a new year

Letter from the President

I appreciate this opportunity to welcome the new students, faculty and staff to Avila College. It is outstanding individuals that make Avila an outstanding college. We are honored that you made the decision to become a member of the Avila College community.

Avila College is committed to excellence, to service of students and the community, to quality education of spirit, mind and body and to growth of the whole person. These commitments are rooted in the college's heritage by the founding and sponsorship of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

You will find Avila College to be a special place as many have experienced. Please ask for assistance when needed.

You will be experiencing many challenges. These challenges are learning experiences and I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.

I thank the returning students, faculty and staff for making Avila College a great place to work and learn. The talents and traits each one of you share strengthens Avila College's reputation of being a "caring" institution.

May you have many great experiences and friendships at Avila College. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Dr. Larry Kramer
President

Oh, the places you will go

Letter from the Dean of Academic Affairs

Dear students:

Winter, spring, summer, fall...school. This is certainly the pattern that many of us experience.

In fact, in the academic world, fall has a feeling of newness and beginnings. This fall, Avila College welcomes about 300 new full-time and part-time students to the campus to join over 800 continuing students.

The theme for orientation weekend, "Oh the Places You'll Go," aptly describes the adventure and life-changing experience that higher education provides if one is willing to take the risk.

Many students arrive at Avila with a model of education that reflects the belief that knowledge is static, shaped by someone in the past and just needs to be absorbed.

At Avila, learning is based upon a totally different paradigm. We believe that each of us, in our uniqueness, has the capacity to evaluate, create, shape and articulate, in new ways, an understanding of the world in which we live.

The best thinking comes about when we do this together. However, this means reading, listening, sharing and reflecting with this academic community.

No one possesses all the answers. This requires that everyone on the Avila campus, including faculty and staff, be committed to entering into this "learning dialogue."

We are a community that values excellence in teaching and learning. Is this risky? Will people disagree? Will your ideas change? Will you experience the excitement of learning? The answer is a resounding YES if we do it well—together.

As the fall semester begins, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and invite you to share your ideas, talk to classmates, faculty and staff, become involved in campus activities, attend plays and athletic events, do new things and risk letting go or reshaping ways of thinking.

As a learning community, this is our reason for existence so that, ultimately, we may make those life-long contributions to the larger community that is at the heart of our college mission. Have a good semester. We are in this together!

Sr. Marie Joan Harris, CSJ
Vice President
Dean for Academic Affairs

WELCOME WEEK

Mon., Aug. 30
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2 on 2 Volleyball Tournament
The Quad.

Tues., Aug. 31
8 - 11 p.m.
Res. Life Cinema Kick-Off Event
Marian Lounge

Wed., Sept. 1
3 p.m.
Men's and Women's Soccer vs. William Woods

Thurs., Sept. 2
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Mass of the Holy Spirit
The Quad
11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Picnic
The Quad
11:30 - 1 p.m.
Student Organization Fair
The Quad

Fri., Sept. 3
12 - 2 p.m.
Council of Presidents/Student Organization Informational Meeting
The Barefoot Room

S P E C I A L

Tiff-Notes editorial

Our impact and our promise

by TIFFANY LEIGH BRATTON
Editor-in-Chief

Every individual can impact the world by bringing into it unique gifts of possibility. We all have wondrous potentialities—aspects of ourselves that can produce meaning and hope in the lives of others.

I think the ultimate purpose of an education is to foster growth, to illumine our minds and show us how to accept the simple blessing of being alive in this world, now, at this time.

When we recognize our place in the world, we are able to glimpse the greater truths associated with our combined humanity.

I know there have been times in my life when I have neglected to notice and appreciate those around me. I have failed to see the beauty and majestic reality of my fellow person. By making my career goals foremost in my thinking, I have lost out on many opportunities to learn and to share.

Personal prejudices and idealistic hopes sometimes lock one into a privately-created cave, causing a blinded perception to be experienced within the mind. We may fail to say or do what we know in our hearts is the right way to be.

What a selfish and foolish way to live.

But I think it is the way we sometimes do live, allowing our beliefs about ourselves and others to block our ability to fully experience life.

Last summer I learned that one of my former professors passed away. I had thought about contacting her sooner, but somehow managed to find other activities to take precedence. I did not choose to do the right thing; I chose to procrastinate, believing that my needs overshadowed a very simple relationship. By the time I made the phone call, it was too late.

Her cancer was unknown to her students; her death was unanticipated.

What I learned from her passing is more important to me than the wealth of factual knowledge I will have aquired by the time I graduate. I was reminded, as a result of her death, that every person is a special, beautiful gift. Every moment must be valued.

Money, careers, possessions—these things are irrelevant and fleeting. Only our relationships with others, and our acknowledgment of the sacred moment we experience always, is what matters.

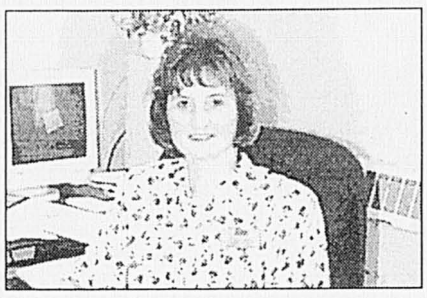
We all bring possibilites, hopes and ideas into our families, communities and world. We all have within us the potential to help create a better tomorrow.

May we remember our human ties with one another, and make a priority of growing together, of learning and enriching our minds as a means to serve one another. Nothing else can truly compare to a heart committed to making a postive affect in the lives of others.

Thank you, Mrs. Gilbert.

Avila welcomes new assistant dean

Sue King brings passionate values to Avila College



by TIFFANY LEIGH BRATTON
Editor-in-Chief

There are subtle lessons learned while attending college, inarticulate reminders of higher truths and greater realities. These values create memories that are treasured during a lifetime.

Sue King remembers them 20 years after graduating from Avila College.

The simplicity of prayer before geometry class--sincere words uttered long ago by one of her professors, Sr. Ann Dominic--is still acknowledged within King's mind.

A kindness expressed by Sr. Rita, another math professor, is still felt within King's heart. When King's mother had surgery, Sr. Rita canceled classes and went to the hospital to comfort King.

"These are the things you remember 20 years later," King said. "These events are caused by the basic values that existed here on campus when I graduated in 1979, and continue to exist at Avila College."

Based on Christian principles, the ideas of compassion, service and humanity are fundamental in King's mind. They are the reasons she decided to attend Avila College.

"They are good, solid, Christian values," she emphasized. "It's not about being Catholic or not, but opening your mind, enhancing yourself and making a positive impact in the world. These are values all Christians share."

In her capacity as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, a new position which King occupied Aug. 2, she will contribute to the Avila College community.

Her brown eyes soften more when she talks about others. King's continuous smile and need to focus on others' needs reflect a spirit committed to compassionate service.

King's new name tag, attached to her gold-textured sweater, could easily read, "friend," instead of her formal title; both seem synonymous when talking to her.

As part of her duties as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, King will also teach.

"I love to teach, and have fun with the students. And I have an open door policy. I am here to answer questions and help students. I hope they show up, so I don't have to sit here in these four walls by myself," she said, smiling.

King grew up in North Kansas City. Prior to accepting her new position, and moving back to Kansas City, she worked at Newman University in Wichita, Kan. "Being an educator was always something I knew I would do, since I was a kid," she said.

King has been an educator in public schools, as well as in higher education.

She majored in Special Education and Mathematics at Avila. Her Master's degree is in Secondary Mathematics Education.

King is presently completing her doctoral work. Her Ph.D. will be in Mathematics Education with a minor in Education Research.

Math was something fun, something King always enjoyed. It was not until she was a student at Avila, and was encouraged by a professor, that she chose math as a major.

"I love numbers, but it is our humanness that makes us special," she said.

Recognizing the humanity in others is one of King's unique qualities.

"It is our relationships in the world that matters. I don't think we realize how many lives we impact, or who impacts us," she said.

King was driving home recently and learned about a man who was hit by a car. She did not know him.

"But I've found myself wondering about him," King said, wiping a tear from her cheek. "He has a wife and children, and I keep thinking about all of the lives that he has impacted."

The Avila College mission statement, which hangs on King's office wall, expresses the value of the individual.

Underlying these principles, and interwoven into the majors offered at the college, is the idea of making a positive difference in the world.

"I always tell my students to follow their hearts, and not to major in a field just to make a lot of money or just because it is popular. What is popular and pays well now may not be popular or well-paying 10 years from now," she said.

Instead, by following their passions, by listening to their hearts, students will be guided to the right career path.

"What is the passion in your heart? Math and education was my passion and love. Follow your heart, it will tell you what to do. And when you are following it, you will be able to make a positive impact in the world," she said. "And you will never feel hopeless about life. Instead, you will enjoy every moment of it. And all will build from that."

Academic Calendar

Mon., Aug. 30, 1999	Classes Begin
Mon., Sept. 6, 1999	Labor Day—No Classes
Fri., Oct. 15, 1999	Avila Day—No Classes
Tues., Nov. 23, 1999	Thanksgiving Break begins after classes
Nov. 24-28, 1999	Thanksgiving Break—No Classes
Mon. Nov. 29, 1999	Classes resume
Dec. 13-16, 1999	Final Exam Week
Fri., Dec. 17, 1999	End of fall semester, Residence Halls close
Dec. 24, 1999-Jan. 2, 2000	Holiday Break—Avila Offices Closed
Mon., Jan. 17, 2000	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Offices Closed
Tues., Jan. 18, 2000	Spring semester classes begin
March 13-19, 2000	Spring Break
Mon., March 20, 2000	Classes resume
April 20-23, 2000	Easter Break
Mon., April 24, 2000	Classes resume
May 8-11, 2000	Final Exam Week
Fri., May 12, 2000	End of spring semester, Residence Halls close

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Avila sports

Women's Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	9/1/99	William Woods University	Avila College	5 p.m.
Sat.	9/4/99	Northwest Missouri State University	Maryville, Mo.	11 a.m.
Sun.	9/5/99	Huron South Dakota	Huron, S.D.	12 p.m.
Thurs.	9/9/99	Benedictine College	Avila College	5 p.m.
Sat.	9/11/99	Doane College	Avila College	2 p.m.
Sun.	9/12/99	Harris-Stowe State College	St. Louis, Mo.	1 p.m.
Wed.	9/15/99	Graceland College	Lamoni, Iowa	4 p.m.
Thurs.	9/16/99	Baker University	Baldwin City, Kan.	4 p.m.
Thurs.	9/23/99	William Jewell College	Avila College	5 p.m.
Sat.	9/25/99	Central Christian College of Kansas	Avila College	2 p.m.
Sun.	9/26/99	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan.	2 p.m.
Sat.	10/2/99	Missouri Baptist College	Avila College	4 p.m.
Wed.	10/6/99	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Avila College	2 p.m.
Sat.	10/9/99	Newman University	Avila College	1 p.m.
Sat.	10/16/99	Ottawa University	Ottawa, Kan.	10 a.m.
Sun.	10/17/99	College of Saint Mary	Avila College	1 p.m.
Sat.	10/23/99	York College	York, Neb.	12 p.m.
Sun.	10/24/99	Bellvue University	Bellvue, Neb.	1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri./Sat.	9/3-9/4	St. Ambrose	TBA	TBA
Fri./Sat.	9/10-11/99	Baker University	Baldwin, Kan.	TBA
Fri.	9/17/99	York College	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Sat.	9/18/99	Newman University	Avila College	2:00p.m.
Tues.	9/21/99	Peru State College	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Fri.	9/24/99	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, Okla.	7:00p.m.
Sat.	9/25/99	College of the Ozarks	Pt. Lookout, Mo.	7:00p.m.
Wed.	9/29/99	Baker University/Pitt.State	Baldwin, Kan.	3:00p.m.
Fri.	10/1/99	College of Saint Mary	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/2/99	Bellevue University	Avila College	12:00p.m.
Tues.	10/5/99	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan.	7:00p.m.
Fri.	10/8/99	York College	York, Neb.	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/9/99	Newman University	Wichita, Kan.	2:00p.m.
Mon.	10/11/99	Mid-America Nazarene College	Avila College	5:30p.m.
Fri./Sat.	10/15/99	Avila Invitational Tournament	Avila College	TBA
Wed.	10/20/99	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, Mo.	5:30p.m.
Fri.	10/22/99	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/23/99	College of the Ozarks	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Tues.	10/26/99	Peru State College	Peru, Neb.	7:30p.m.
Tues.	11/2/99	St. Mary College	Avila College	7:00p.m.
Fri.	11/5/99	College of Saint Mary	Omaha, Neb.	7:00p.m.
Sat.	11/6/99	Bellevue University	Bellevue, Neb.	12:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	11/12/99	Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA

Men's Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	9/1/99	William Woods University	Avila College	3 p.m.
Sat.	9/4/99	Lindenwood Coolege	TBA	7 p.m.
Sun.	9/6/99	Harris-Stowe State College	St. Louis, Mo.	1 p.m.
Thurs.	9/9/99	Benedictine College	Avila College	3 p.m.
Sat.	9/11/99	Briar Cliff College	Sioux City, Iowa	3 p.m.
Sun.	9/12/99	Iowa Wesleyan College	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/15/99	Graceland College	Lamoni, Iowa	2 p.m.
Sun.	9/19/99	Culver-Stockton College	TBA	2 p.m.
Thurs.	9/23/99	William Jewell College	Liberty, Mo.	3 p.m.
Sun.	9/26/99	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, Kan.	4 p.m.
Tues.	9/28/99	Tabor College	TBA	4 p.m.
Sat.	10/2/99	Missouri Baptist College	Avila College	2 p.m.
Wed.	10/6/99	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Avila College	4 p.m.
Sat.	10/9/99	Kansas Newman College	Avila College	3 p.m.
Sat.	10/16/99	Ottawa University	Ottawa, Kan.	Noon
Sat.	10/23/99	Park College	York, Neb.	2 p.m.
Sun.	10/24/99	Bellevue University	Bellevue, Neb.	2 p.m.

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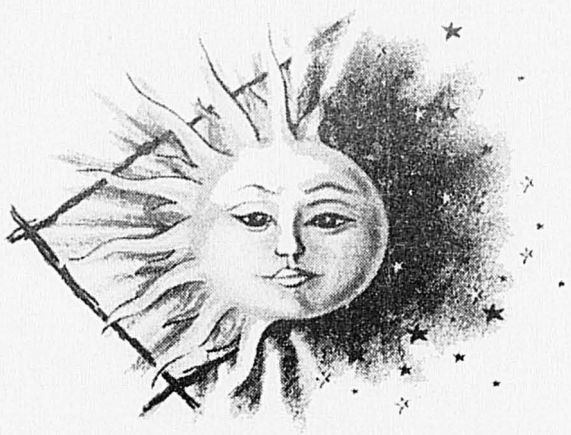

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Campus activities

Below is a list of clubs offered for student participation in the 1999-2000 school year

Avila Ambassadors
Host prospective students and participate in special college events
•Rebecca Colwell x2374

Avila Art Guild
Celebrates all forms of artistic expression
•Susan Lawlor x2362

Avila Education Association
Information, awareness and support for students interested in education careers
•Karen Garber x2267

Avila Student Nurses
Provide programs consistent with current professional interests and concerns
•Martha Blackman x2403

ATV
Avila Television; student programs, integrated curricular issues and feature films
•Ben Meade x2346

Bio-Med Club
A forum to promote interdisciplinary relationships
•Larry Sullivan x2255

Bobby Witcher Society
Appreciation for the great outdoors
•Bob Powell x2440

Campus Peer Ministry
Promotes religious awareness on campus
•Stephen Huber x2423

College Choir
Open to all students, faculty and staff
•Amity Bryson x2251

Dance Team
Attends athletic events and performs at half-time
•Becky Evans x2227

English Club
Encourages reading and mastery of written expression; produces annual literary magazine, *The Scop*
•Mary Benson x2233

Goppert Theater
Presents four student productions each year
•Charlene Gould x2411

International Students
Heightens awareness of Avila's multi-cultural environment
•Bruce Inwards x2372

Kappa Delta Pi
Honor society sub-set of the Avila Education Association
•Karen Garber x2267

NAMP
National Association of Masters in Psychology
•Frank Yeatman x2264

Radiologic Science Club
For student studying radiological sciences
•Carole Urbanski x2224

RHA
Residence Hall Association
•Alicia Hofmann x2354

Sigma Tau Delta
Honor society of the English Club.
•Mary Benson x2233

Social Work Association
Information, awareness and hands-on projects in the field of social work
•Kim Anderson x2393

Student Senate
Promotes campus unity, communication, opportunities and problem-solving
•Tom Lease x2227

Student Union Board
Coordinates student activities
•Blake Fry x2226

The Talon
Avila College student newspaper.
•Steve Iliff x2363

Thornhill Art Gallery
Features exhibits by professional and student artists
•George Chrisman x 2443

Wellness
Provides intramural and health awareness programs for the students of Avila College
•Carol Frevert x2268

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Movie Theaters
Red Bridge
11408 Holmes
Ward Parkway
8600 Ward Pkwy.
Town Center
11701 Nall Ave.

Gas Stations
Quik Trip
13100 Holmes
Amoco
103rd & Wornall
Amoco
11050 Holmes

Restaurants
Marco Polo's
1201 W. 103rd.
Guacamole Grill
111th & Holmes
Margarita's
13401 Holmes
Jack Stack BBQ
13441 Holmes
Applebee's
1046 W. 103rd St.
Coaches
414 W. 103rd St.

Odds & Ends
Mid-Continent Public Library
11140 Locust (behind Red Bridge Shopping Center)
Blockbuster Video
10155 Wornall

Important Numbers
Pizza Hut Delivery
648-8888
AMC Movie Hotline
333-4262
Mr. Goodcent's Delivery
941-9577

Fast Food
Burger King
700 E. Red Bridge
Sonic
75 W. 135th St.
McDonald's
3000 W. 103rd St.
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